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**"AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF
CONSTRUCTION OR CLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The functions, powers, duties
4 and personnel of the Bureau of Prevention, Early Intervention and
5 Community Relations of the Department of Children and Families, or
6 any subsequent bureau or portion of a bureau or division with similar
7 functions, powers, personnel and duties to the bureau as constituted
8 on January 1, 2007, shall be transferred to the Children's Trust Fund
9 Council established in section 17a-50 of the general statutes, as
10 amended by this act, pursuant to sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39 of the
11 general statutes.

12 Sec. 502. Section 17a-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

14 (a) There is established a Children's Trust Fund, the resources of
15 which shall be used by the council established pursuant to subsection
16 (b) of this section to fund programs aimed at preventing child abuse
17 and neglect and family resource programs. Said fund is intended to be
18 in addition to those resources that would otherwise be appropriated
19 by the state for programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect
20 and family resource programs. The Children's Trust Fund Council may
21 apply for and accept any federal funds which are available for a
22 Children's Trust Fund and shall administer such funds in the manner
23 required by federal law. The fund shall receive money from grants and
24 gifts made pursuant to section 17a-18. The Children's Trust Fund
25 Council shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
26 chapter 54, to administer the fund and to set eligibility requirements
27 for programs seeking funding. Youth service bureaus may receive
28 funds from the Children's Trust Fund. The Parent Trust Fund,
29 established pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, may receive
30 funds directed to it through the Children's Trust Fund.

31 (b) There shall be established, within existing resources, a Children's
32 Trust Fund Council which shall be within the Department of Children
33 and Families for administrative purposes only. The council shall be
34 composed of sixteen members as follows: (1) The Commissioners of
35 Social Services, Education, Children and Families and Public Health, or
36 their designees; (2) a representative of the business community with
37 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the president pro tempore of
38 the Senate; (3) a representative of the business community with
39 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the speaker of the House of
40 Representatives; (4) a representative of the business community with
41 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority leader of the
42 House of Representatives; (5) a representative of the business
43 community with experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority
44 leader of the Senate; (6) a parent, appointed by the majority leader of
45 the House of Representatives; (7) a parent, appointed by the majority
46 leader of the Senate; (8) a parent, appointed by the president pro
47 tempore of the Senate; (9) a person with expertise in child abuse

48 prevention, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
49 (10) a person with expertise in child abuse prevention, appointed by
50 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (11) a staff
51 member of a child abuse prevention program, appointed by the
52 minority leader of the Senate; (12) a staff member of a child abuse
53 prevention program, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
54 Representatives; and (13) a pediatrician, appointed by the majority
55 leader of the Senate. The council shall solicit and accept funds, on
56 behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the prevention of
57 child abuse and neglect and family resource programs, or on behalf of
58 the Parent Trust Fund, to be used for parent community involvement
59 to improve the health, safety and education of children, and shall make
60 grants to programs pursuant to subsections (a) and [(c)] (d) of this
61 section. The council may, subject to the provisions of chapter 67,
62 employ an executive director and any necessary staff within available
63 appropriations.

64 (c) On and after July 1, 2007, the council shall constitute a successor
65 agency to the Department of Children and Families, in accordance
66 with sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39, with respect to the functions,
67 powers, duties and personnel of the Bureau of Prevention, Early
68 Intervention and Community Relations as of January 1, 2007. Any
69 order or regulation of the Department of Children and Families which
70 is in force on July 1, 2007, shall continue in force and effect as an order
71 or regulation of the council until amended, repealed or superseded
72 pursuant to law.

73 [(c)] (d) There is established a Parent Trust Fund which shall be
74 used to fund programs aimed at improving the health, safety and
75 education of children by training parents in civic leadership skills and
76 supporting increased, sustained, quality parental engagement in
77 community affairs. The fund shall receive federal or private money
78 from grants and gifts made pursuant to section 17a-18.

79 [(d)] (e) On or before July 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, the
80 Children's Trust Fund Council shall report to the joint standing

81 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
82 relating to human services, public health and education concerning the
83 source and amount of funds received by the Children's Trust Fund and
84 the Parent Trust Fund, and the manner in which such funds were
85 administered and disbursed."